

Minutes

Planning & Economic Development Committee

April 17, 2019, 6:00 pm, Room 331

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: Odell, Chagnon, O'Connell, Starks

Others: Tampio, Ames, Dennison, Geise, Ewer, Reynolds, McCord, McCoy, Brickley, Wolfe, Herbst, Keller, Schrecengost

Chairman Odell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Odell: First we'll note that one of us, we have an empty chair on the end, who is no longer amongst us so I think that it would be fitting, deserving, and respectful to give a quick moment of reverend silence for our departed friend and colleague, David Himelein. So if you would please. (*Moment of silence given*) Thank you.

Approval of Minutes (3/20/19)

MOVED by Legislator Starks, SECONDED by Legislator O'Connell

Unanimously Carried

Privilege of the Floor

No one chose to speak at this time.

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Grant Application for 2019 Community Development Block Grant Funding through the New York State Office of Community Renewal

Mr. Geise: This resolution authorizes the County to submit a Community Development Block grant to the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR), in the amount of \$450,000 to support the development of the Webb's Chautauqua Resort LLC in Mayville here. The application allows the County to enter into an agreement with CREDC which is the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation for the implementation of the project. A public hearing will be held prior to the Legislature meeting next week. A resolution, as you recall, was approved last month to hold that public hearing. Again, this allows Webb's Chautauqua Resort to access this funding to help them construct this project.

Chairman Odell: What I was going to say, it states, has held, in the WHEREAS, but by next week, it would have been held. Any questions?

Legislator Chagnon: Since this indicates that we're authorizing the County Executive to apply for the grant and then enter into the grant agreement, is there any local match required with this?

Mr. Giese: No there is not. It has to be a municipal body. It has to go through the County.

Legislator Chagnon: Understand.

Mr. Giese: We have done this in the past.

Chairman Odell: Any additional questions?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Establishment of a Chautauqua County Food Policy Council

Mr. McCord: This is our new Planning Technician, Melissa Keller. The Food Policy Council and the establishment is Melissa's first project that she has undertaken. She's the point person on this.

Legislator Chagnon: Not done yet.

Mr. McCord: Actually, we've moved a long way since Melissa has come on board at the beginning of February. So she hasn't been with us a long time yet, however, we are at the point of formation already. So, I will let her speak to you about that and answer any questions you might have.

Ms. Keller: So the resolution here before you today would formally establish a Food Policy Council for the County. It would give it a structure and outlines its composition. Before this point, there have been a number of steps that have been involved leading us up to this point. One of which being resolution 219-18 where the Chautauqua County Legislature had previously authorized the County Executive to enter into an agreement with the Chautauqua County Health Network to accept grant funds for the formation of a Food Policy Council. Since that time, I have met with the Growing Food Connections Dairy Committee which has been an active partner in this initiative and I met with them, used their knowledge of the local food system to identify what the composition of the Food Policy Council should be and what the structure should look like. The resolution before you is the results of that meeting where we defined what the composition would be.

Chairman Odell: Any questions?

Legislator Chagnon: I observed the presentation to the Legislature over a year or more ago, the one that Pat gave, but I don't recall if there were any recommendations in that regarding the composition of the Council. Emily's head is going up and down so I think that there probably was. Is this in line with the recommendations that were presented at that time?

Ms. Keller: I believe so. I read the report myself and one of the recommendations was that the Growing Food Connections would be a good thesis for the Food Policy Council. That is one of the reasons I met with them to get an idea of what structure would be. The members of the Growing Food Connections Committee are welcome to apply but we did not want to be solely about the Growing Food Connections committee.

Chairman Odell: Thank you so it will be 13 members total and 7 reserved.

Legislator Starks: I have a question along that line. I see the seven seats and who they are. Do you have any idea who would be invited for the other 6 or would that be something that over time it would build and start it with the seven?

Ms. Keller: We will be sending out an application. The community members in the future, they will be geared – what we wanted to do is, we wanted to give the Food Policy Council flexibility so whatever the project is they are working on, they have the flexibility to recruit members that would be beneficial to that purpose. Right now, (*inaudible*) because we want the Council itself to come up with its vision and mission, we don't know where it is going. We could have defined those seats but really we're looking in the lines of what you see here. So if there are two farmers who want to be on the Council or more, using these kinds of guidelines to organize –

Legislator Starks: Those first six would get filled as time goes and just kind of see where the needs are and interest.

Ms. Keller: Yes. We would like to begin with 13 members. I don't know if that was what the question was.

Legislator Starks: No, no. I see the seven and then it's six and I was just wondering if you had plans and you do. Thank you.

Chairman Odell: Good questions and good program. Look forward to seeing it in execution. A pretty good presentation when folks from UB a couple of years ago. Glad to see it come to fruition. Thank you and welcome aboard. Any other questions?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Town of Busti Stormwater Project – Confirm Prior Match Commitment

Ms. Brickley: I think that we have done this dance a couple of times already this year but just as a reminder, back in 2015 we used some unexpended CLMC funds, earmarked those specific for match support so we could leverage local dollars to bring in State funding. Last summer I came before you and asked for certain match commitments on some grant applications and we were successful with four of those. Three of which had County match included. This is for the Lakewood-Busti Precision Swale Retrofit project. It's a \$270,000 project and the commitment from the County back in July was \$5,000 so we're looking to confirm that commitment.

Chairman Odell: And this is the shady side from what I understand because of course, called on that one after the last one, especially in Lakewood (*inaudible*) and start making sure that everyone was happy so everyone is happy. So we're good with that. Any other questions? Good project. Everyone is happy and on board so we can't get any better than that. It's good collaboration, right?

Ms. Brickley: Yes.

Chairman Odell: So, no other comments or questions?

Unanimously Carried

Discussion - 4-H STORY by Emily Reynolds and Kate Ewer 4-H Educator

Other

McClurg Museum – Christie Herbst – John Wolfe

Chautauqua Lake Concerns – Dave McCoy, Mark Geise, Erin Brickley, Scott Schrecengost

Legislator Starks: MOVE to adjourn.

Legislator O'Connell: Second.

Unanimously Carried (7:05 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,
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